

WILSON MAY SPEAK ON MEMORIAL DAY

Believed He Will Accept Invitation to Address G. A. R. at Arlington Exercises.

President Wilson probably will write a letter tonight to Col. John McElroy, acting commander of the Department of the Potomac Grand Army of the Republic, accepting an invitation to attend and deliver an address at the annual Grand Army memorial day exercises at the Arlington National Cemetery on May 30.

An urgent invitation to the President to attend was received at the White House today from Col. McElroy, who stated that Gov. Frank B. Willis of Ohio had agreed also to be present.

Friends of the President believe that, despite his pressing duties in connection with the international problems facing the Administration, he will make every effort to grant the wishes of the Grand Army men of the District of Columbia by attending the exercises, and thereby to overcome any traces of resentment remaining among the veterans because of his action last spring regarding the Memorial Day celebration. On that occasion, after having accepted an invitation to be present at the Confederate Memorial exercises, he turned down an invitation to address a similar gathering of the local G. A. R. Subsequently, however, after considerable criticism had been occasioned, the President changed his mind and accepted at the last moment.

In his letter to his President Col. McElroy declared that while the local veterans appreciated the President's position in not accepting many invitations which would take him from his task of handling the foreign situation, they hoped he would make an exception in their favor.

BELGIANS EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO U. S.

People of Ghent Send Official Address in Beautiful Artistic Box.

The deep feeling of gratitude of the Belgian people toward America, and in particular the gratitude of the people of Ghent, has been expressed in an address from the burgomaster and members of the communal council of Ghent to this Government.

It was delivered to Henry Albert Johnson, American consul at Ghent, and a copy of it has reached Secretary Bryan.

The address has come in the form of a beautiful and artistic box in the appearance of an antique bound volume containing the address engrossed on parchment and bound. Secretary Bryan is greatly pleased with it, and today gave out a communication from Consul Johnson embodying a description of the box and the artistic work reflected in it and a copy of the address itself. Mr. Johnson says:

Address of Appreciation.
"I have the honor to report that on March 3, 1915, the burgomaster and members of the communal council of Ghent presented me with an address expressive of their appreciation of what has been done for Belgium by the people of the United States.
The burgomaster, formally presenting the address in question, asked me to transmit it to the Government of the United States, and in compliance with this request I have retained it in the American minister at Brussels for transmission.

"I beg to call special attention to the beauty and artistic merit of this production, the decorative part of which is the work of Mr. Armand Helms, of Ghent, one of our leading artists and specialists in this line.
"The box containing the address is constructed so as to give the appearance of an antique bound volume, the design of the cover employing in the center a drawing of the famous bronze dragon that surmounts the belfry of Ghent, and which tradition asserts was brought by crusaders from the East at the time when Baldwin IX of Flanders was made Emperor of Constantinople.

Bears Seal of Ghent.
"The red seal seen at the side, is the official seal of the city of Ghent that was used in the days of Charles V. while below this seal is an old coin entwined as a decorative adjunct with the Latin motto of the city of 'Fides et Amor.' Immediately beneath the representation of the dragon is a panel containing the old Flemish motto of the city 'Hou ende Trou.' 'Perseverance and Fidelity.'
"Inside the book-shaped box is found the address engrossed on parchment and neatly bound, the first page of which bears an exquisite design in water colors portraying an interlacing of the American coat-of-arms with those of Belgium, Flanders, and Ghent.
"The following is an English translation of the address:
"Today, the twenty-second of February, 1915, anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the Communal Council of Ghent officially assembled, offers to the noble American nation the expression of its deep appreciation of the timely aid given to Belgium in view of the appalling conditions now existing in our unhappy country.
"In providing a sufficient supply of food for our people so severely stricken by the war, the United States have rendered them a service that will never be forgotten.
"This act of international solidarity on the part of the American republic will remain graven in golden characters in the history of our country, as it is now in the heart of every Belgian.
"The present address is handed to the United States consul with the request that he will transmit it to his Government.
"Done at the city hall of Ghent on the twenty-second of February, 1915.
"The Burgomaster,
"E. BRAUN.
"The Secretary,
"Signed: A. De Brucker."
"The black and white ribbons with which the box is tied represent the colors of the city of Ghent."

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DeGraw Memorial Cup for Horsemen

Son's Donation to Bear Names of Winners in Local Hunters' Class.

In memory of his father, P. V. DeGraw, one of the organizers of the National Capital Horse Show, E. B. DeGraw has donated a cup to the horse show association on which each year will be inscribed the name of the winner of the local hunters' class.

The cup becomes the permanent property of the club and a replica will be given each year to the winner in this class.
Plans for the show to be held May 1-12 were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon.

The number of entries recorded and the advance sale of box seats, it was stated today, indicate that the show this year will be the most successful in the history of the association.

DONATIONS SOUGHT TO AID TAX FIGHT

Collection of Funds by Civic Committees to Start Next Monday.

The collection of funds to defray the cost of presenting the District's contentions in the half-and-half principle investigation ordered by Congress will begin in earnest next Monday, following the appointment of committee on solicitation representing the various civic organizations interested in the fight.

Chairman Macfarland, of the general executive committee, said today, however, that persons desiring to contribute need not await personal solicitation, but may send their donations to E. T. Moran, who heads the finance committee. For the present the committee will ask for small contributions ranging from \$1 to \$10.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, has announced the subcommittee which will canvass the membership of that organization for contributions.
Edward F. Colladay, representative on the executive committee of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, is to name a similar committee to canvass the citizens' associations of the District.

The committee named by Dr. Wiley includes himself as chairman, A. L. Lerner, G. L. Blair, William V. Cox, Thomas Bradley, Byron S. Adams, Edward J. Moore, Charles L. Corahy, J. Philip Hermann, Claude E. Miller and A. M. Read.

POLICEMAN GRANTED CERTIORARI WRIT

C. F. Brown Given Right to Force Commissioners to Allow Review of Case.

A rule requiring the District Commissioners to show cause April 10 why a writ of certiorari should not be granted for a review of the proceedings against Private C. F. Brown, a policeman, charged before the trial board with intoxication, was issued by Justice Stafford, of the District Supreme Court, today.

Attorney James A. O'Shea, representing Brown, contended that the trial board erred in taking the testimony of Dr. Lawson, a police surgeon and also private physician of the policeman. It is urged by the attorney that the action of the board was in violation of section 1073 of the District Code, prohibiting a physician from divulging information of a professional nature about a patient.

Brightwood to Meet.
The Brightwood Park Citizens' Association will hold its monthly meeting this evening in Van Horn Hall, Georgia avenue and Longfellow street.

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G. A. R. NAVAL "VETS" COMING TO REUNION

Finance Committee Still Lacks Contributions From Some of Capital's Leading Firms.

Promising a largely increased attendance of naval veterans at the G. A. R. encampment to be held here in September, Commodore Eberburne C. Van Tassel, commanding the National Association of Naval War Veterans, today wrote William F. Gude, chairman of the local joint citizens' committee on the G. A. R. celebration, that about 500 members of that organization may be expected.

Commodore Van Tassel says that the customary attendance of naval veterans upon G. A. R. reunions is approximately 300, but the fifteenth anniversary of the grand review is to be such a noteworthy event that the attendance will be doubled.

Chairman Gude was given a new title today. He received several communications addressed to "General Gude, chairman citizens' committee."

Col. Robert N. Harper, of the finance committee, announced today that he was not yet ready to make public the list of contributors to the entertainment fund.

The first contribution from a member of the legal profession was received by the finance committee today. It came from A. S. Worthington and is said to have been a generous one.

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